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6-8 September 2006

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Physical Activity and Obesity Satellite

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Sofitel Brisbane, Australia

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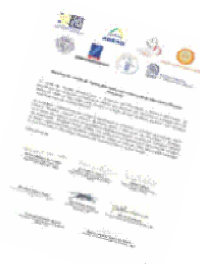
<http://www.obesitysatellitebrisbane2006.qut.edu.au/>

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Global Prevention Alliance

Brazil has become the latest country to back the Global Alliance by forming its own national Alliance council to combat childhood obesity and obesity-related chronic disease.


A broad range of NGOs met in Sao Paulo on March 6 and agreed to support the Global Alliance through their own national initiatives. Overnight eight presidents of national NGOs had signed up to the new Alliance, allowing the development to be announced at a meeting with Professor Philip James, chair of the Presidential Council of the Global Prevention Alliance and the Brazilian Ministry of Health. Leading ministry officials congratulated the Brazil Alliance on moving ahead swiftly.



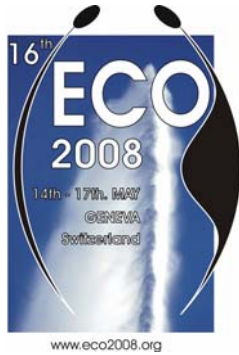
Over the next few weeks, Prof James will be holding meetings with interested NGOs and other groups in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore to further the Alliance programme, which works in conjunction with the World Health Organization to

support the implementation of the Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. Additional meetings in India and Pakistan are envisaged later in the year

The Alliance is holding its next Presidents' Council meeting in Geneva during the World Health Assembly in May and will be meeting health ministers to advance the Alliance prevention agenda.

<p>Community-based Obesity Prevention 30th August – 2nd September 2006 Geelong, Victoria Please visit the website for further information: http://www.deakin.edu.au/hbs/who-obesity/</p> <p>Recent Progress in Adiposcience 1st – 2nd September 2005 For more information please contact Kazuwa Nakao: med2@kuhp.kyoto-u.ac.jp</p> <p>Genetics to Community – What is Obesity? Socio-cultural and Ethno-genetic determinants of Obesity 9th - 10th September 2006 Auckland, New Zealand Please visit the website for further information: http://www.tcc.co.nz/assonz/</p> <p>QueST2006 Queenstown Signal Transduction meeting 1st - 3rd September 2006 Rydges Lakeland Resort, Queenstown, New Zealand Please visit the website for further information: www.qmb.org.nz/questindex.htm</p> <p>Carbohydrates, the Glycemic Index and Health: The State of the Art 2nd September 2006 Sydney, Australia For further information contact Elisabeth Eaton: GI@fconventions.com.au</p> <p>For further information on Satellite Meetings visit the Satellite Symposia www.ICO2006.com or contact Professor Louise Baur: louiseb3@chw.edu.au</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SCOPE</p> <p>A brand new approach to medical education is being developed with a new online education programme under the banner of IASO/IOTF SCOPE.</p> <p>Early trials of a new web-based learning system proved popular among those assessing its test pages. The full programme is still undergoing further development and is envisaged to come online for registered SCOPE users later this year.</p> <p>The next SCOPE Course will take place on Friday 19th May 2006, in Albena, Bulgaria – at the 2nd Balkan Congress on Obesity. Further details will be on www.easoobesity.org or you can contact scope@iotf.org for more information and registration.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Stock Conference 2006</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IASO Website</p> <p>If you haven't yet seen the revamped IASO website, visit www.iaso.org. Recently, we have added an Obesity Newsfeed to the site and a News Archive search facility to the members section. Please contact Liz Freeman: lfreeman@iaso.org for login and password details.</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Epigenetics, Obesity & its Related Diseases</p> <p>The fifth in the series of Stock Conferences took place from March 6th - 8th in Bangkok, Thailand. It was another highly successful conference, which takes place annually in memory of Dr Mike Stock. This year's meeting was chaired by Drs Claudine Junien and Peter Nathanielsz, who were joined by 14 speakers who covered topics such as Epigenetic regulation in health and disease, Epigenetics of fetal and placental growth, Animal Models of developmental programming and Maternal & fetal neural systems & programming of behavior.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Flying start for the International Journal of Pediatric Obesity (IJPO)</p> <p>Round-the-world coverage greeted the launch of IASO's latest journal featuring new forecasts of rising childhood obesity.</p> <p>A news release highlighting global trends up to 2010 sparked a media frenzy with literally hundreds of global news bulletins running the story. (see http://www.iotf.org/media/2010forecast.htm) The journal was officially launched during the 2nd Scandinavian Pediatric Obesity Conference in Malmö, Sweden, on March 9th.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Journals</p> <p>2006 Subscriptions - Have you signed up for IJO, IJPO and Obesity Reviews? For details check the IASO website members' area: www.iaso.org/members.</p> <p>If you need a password contact Liz Freeman lfreeman@iaso.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">IJPO is the first academic journal devoted to pediatric obesity.</p> <p>Reduced rates are available for IASO members – details and a downloadable order form are available in the Member's section of the IASO website and more details are available from the publishers website:</p> <p>http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/17477166.asp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">AOASO Journal – Journal of Obesity Research and Clinical Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Policy Update</p>
<p>The new official journal of AOASO (The Asia Oceania Association for the Study of Obesity) is the Journal of Obesity Research and Clinical Practice. It is to be published by Elsevier Singapore, and the Editors are Prof Gary Wittert (Adelaide) and Prof Shuji Inoue (Tokyo). An editorial board has been appointed and a meeting of this board will be held this month. It is expected that the first edition will be published in the middle of this year.</p> <p>There is a special subscription price for IASO members of US\$60.</p> <p>Please keep an eye on the IASO website for news of this launch.</p>	<p>Working closely with WHO Europe, IASO convened an NGO consultation in Brussels in February as part of a series of meetings it has helped to arrange in preparation of a European Ministerial Summit on Obesity which will take place in Istanbul, Turkey, in November.</p> <p>The consultation, chaired by Professor Philip James, Chair of the IOTF, Senior VP of IASO, and Dr Haik Nikogosian, Deputy Director, Technical Support, WHO Regional Office for Europe (EURO), reviewed the contribution NGOs are making towards tackling the obesity epidemic.</p> <p>WHO is planning to launch a European Charter on Obesity at the Ministers' meeting, a process which it is intended to accelerate action among member states to address key prevention issues.</p> <p>A further joint consultation of WHO and the European Union Platform on Diet, Physical Activity and Health, was held in Brussels in March to consider how public-private partnerships may become involved.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">ECO 2007</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WHO - How to prevent obesity in schoolchildren</p>
<div data-bbox="277 1268 672 1352" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>The International Scientific Committee (ISC) will meet on 30th and 31st March to identify Plenary Lecture and Review Session speakers. Please visit the Congress Website, www.eco2007.org, for updates in May 2006.</p> <p>The Call for Abstracts will be distributed very soon – if you would like to join the mailing list please visit the congress website and 'Register Your Interest' or email eco2007@easoobesity.org Please also visit the website for information on abstract submission, registration, accommodation and tours.</p> <p>You will see that the registration fees have been reduced – the rates are lower than in 2005 and Student and Eastern European rates are particularly low!</p>	<p>A meeting in Florence in March 2006 addressed the issues of child obesity and health promotion in school-age children, as part of the Health Behaviour in School Children programme and in anticipation of a European regional meeting of health ministers convened by WHO next November.</p> <p>The keynote address was given by the IOTF childhood programme director, Dr Tim Lobstein, who emphasised the obesogenic environment which children experience in the school and outside it. He suggested that better health education for children is necessary but is not sufficient to prevent obesity -- indeed, education alone without changing the environment is likely to lead to failure, lowering children's self-esteem.</p>



ECO2008, Geneva, Switzerland

The dates have now been confirmed as **14th to 17th May 2008**. The Congress website, www.eco2008.org is now live – keep checking for regular updates!!

ECO2009 The deadline for Expression of Interest is **24th March**. If you would like to host the 17th European Congress on Obesity, please contact us now! For further information, please contact Kelly Robinson: krobinson@iaso.org
Don't forget that all organisational matters will be managed by the EASO Secretariat via Obesity International Trading Ltd – this means a huge reduction in stress and worry for local organisers!

Awards

The Deadline for applications for the IASO Awards has now passed. The Awards Committee will begin considering all the applications, and the five New Investigator finalists and two Per Björntorp Travelling Fund winners will be announced soon.

Keep an eye on the IASO website for further announcements: www.iaso.org/awards

Conferences

2nd Balkan Congress on Obesity

19th – 21st May 2006

Albena, Buglaria

Contact: svhandjiev@yahoo.com

<http://www.bco2006.com/>

The Practical Management of Childhood Obesity

6th June 2006

Institute of Child Health, London, UK

Contact: chris@aso.ndo.co.uk

<http://www.aso.org.uk/>

Obesity and Its Management

21st – 23rd June 2006

Liverpool Medical Institution, Liverpool, UK

Contact: chris@aso.ndo.co.uk

<http://www.aso.org.uk/>

Furthermore, giving advice to children to eat a healthier diet or take more exercise has cost implications, and this may mean that only families with good financial resources can fully implement the advice. Thus health education messages may widen social inequalities in health. Participants expressed the view that schools should adopt 'whole school' policies which integrate food services and food access, classroom teaching about health and food preparation, physical education and other physical activity practices into a set of policies, with children participating in developing these policies and 'owning' the implementation and enforcement. At the same time, national governments and local authorities should be moving to restrict marketing of unhealthy products to children, keep schools free of commercialisation, and encourage better local facilities for active transport and play - including letting local communities use the school playground and sports facilities at weekends and in vacation.

IASO Executive Committee

The IASO Executive Committee met on February 28th in London.

Points discussed during the meeting, in addition to matters raised elsewhere in this bulletin included:

- The Launch of a New IASO Award for Population Science and Public Health
- A special edition 20th Anniversary IASO Obesity Newsletter will be produced this year.
- The 2004-2005 Annual Report will be published later this year.
- The Awards Committee received 61 applications For the New Investigator Award, and 42 applications for the Per Björntorp Awards. The winners of the Awards will be announced shortly, keep an eye on the Awards pages of the IASO website for an updates: www.iaso.org/awards

The Executive Committee will next meet in Sydney during the 10th ICO in September.

